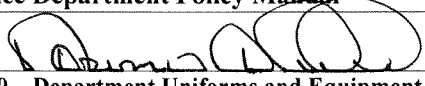


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Regulation 6.1 Uniform and Equipment

- 6.101 A A member shall keep his/her uniforms clean, well pressed and in good repair.
- 6.102 B No distinctive part of the official Wichita Police Department uniform [e.g., jacket, trousers, uniform cap, etc.] shall be worn with civilian clothing.
- EXCEPTION: The black ball cap may be worn with civilian clothing.
- 6.103 B No member shall carry any ammunition or equipment that is not authorized by the Training Bureau Commander with the exception of a black personal communication device and holder.
- 6.104 A When in uniform, if a necklace is worn, it must be completely concealed. Uniformed Department members are prohibited from wearing earrings, except that females may wear a maximum of two ear studs in each earlobe only. No other visible body piercing jewelry is permitted.
- 6.105 A While on duty inside a police facility [including the fourth, fifth and sixth floors of City Hall], members who are not in uniform shall wear either a badge or an identification card in plain view. [Special Investigations Bureau members are EXEMPT from this regulation.]
- 6.106 B A member who is transferred out of an assignment that has initial issue equipment designated will return said equipment to the Training Bureau Quartermaster within ten (10) days after the effective date of the transfer. The equipment shall be cleaned prior to being returned to the Training Bureau Quartermaster.
- 6.107 A Officers shall not substitute duty-garments for any required or optional bicycle patrol equipment or clothing (e.g., a light duty-jacket may not be substituted for the optional cycling vest, nor may any other brand of tennis shoes be substituted for the approved footwear). Bicycle uniform shirts shall be embroidered identical to the officer's nameplate (first initial, middle initial, last name only). Rank of the officer will not be embroidered onto the shirt.
- 6.108 A All brass items worn on the duty belt shall be shined or polished.
- 6.109 A All uniformed police officers and supervisors who engage in patrol and field operations must wear their body armor during their tour of duty (unless inside a public safety facility). In addition, all officers and supervisors must wear body armor during high-risk and/or tactical situations including the serving of search warrants.

Supervisors shall check for compliance at the start of each shift and perform spot-checks when encountering officers in the field.

All uniformed police officers working in police-related secondary employment/off duty work arranged through the department or a private vendor must wear their body armor.

It is highly recommended that all officers assigned to the Investigations and Support Sections wear body armor during their tour of duty. However, those officers in the Investigations and Support Sections who choose not to wear their body armor must have it readily available at all times during their tour of duty.

An Officer requesting an exemption for medical reasons shall obtain a detailed written justification from their physician describing the condition and stating why the condition prohibits the wearing of the ballistic vest. The employee shall submit an Officer's Report with the required documentation to the Chief of Police.

- 6.110 I Department members should refer to Policy 214 for official Wichita Police Department uniforms and equipment items.